



C I V I C D E S I G N

The City of Carmel, Indiana

GUIDING DESIGN *Principles* for the Future of Carmel's Central Core

Urban Design



A COMFORTABLE CITY

The Central Core of the City of Carmel is a place where the comforts of people as pedestrians are designed for and celebrated as a vital part of the City's overall quality. People are comfortable in Carmel because there is a mix of diverse people, styles and scales of design, gathering places for socialization, and programming, which generates a vibrant civic life.

Public Art, Gateways, Architecture



AN INTERESTING CITY

The Central Core is a place recognized as being rich in human interest and possessing a spectrum of cultural outlets, interesting architecture, public arts, and dynamic spaces for the people of Carmel and visitors alike. When people enter the Central Core, they know that they are entering a place of uniqueness, comfort, and quality.

Identity, Mixed Land Use, Housing Options



A CITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS

The Central Core of Carmel is not just a collection of individual subdivisions with little connection to the fabric of the community and lacking the interest and amenity a variety of land uses brings. Rather, the Core is home to true neighborhoods with interesting identities, a comfortable mix of housing types, walkable centers and gathering spaces, neighborhood schools, and logical naming. All of this tied into the community's overall network of paths/trails, community open space and transit.

Transit, Compact Development, Roadway Design



A MOBILE CITY

The Central Core of Carmel is a place where a resident or visitor can be truly mobile through a choice of mobility options including bicycles, walking, automobiles, the internet, and transit services. Specifically, the transit component of the system will be an accessible, clean, and efficient option connecting key nodes in the community.

Open Space, Urban Vegetation, Environment



A HEALTHY CITY

The Central Core of the City of Carmel is a place where the general public can safely access public open space, plazas and parks with the option of not driving, through the use of public transit, walking, running, skating and biking. This access insures that all segments of the population (even those without cars) have access including children and seniors.

Planning & Zoning, Design Assistance, Change



AN ADAPTABLE CITY

The City of Carmel is a stable place because it understands that communities are dynamic, living places that must not be afraid of change, yet still respect the past. By understanding this, the City is able to be proactive in guiding its development future and implementing a land use and zoning structure which continually raises overall quality of life.

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